Sl.	State/UT	No. of Schemes	Amount Disbursed	Total No. of beneficiaries
13.	Karnataka	55	2274.06	18400
14.	Kerala	53	1433.08	3887
15.	Madhya Pradesh	74	4995.03	19050
16.	Maharashtra	139	4223.69	8608
17.	Manipur	45	308.31	575
18.	Meghalaya	1	0.00	2
19.	Mizoram	69	352.96	1417
20.	Nagaland	90	387.29	860
21.	Orissa	33	633.88	3007
22.	Pondicherry	15	84.41	134
23.	Punjab	28	1398.61	3103
24.	Rajasthan	27	213.08	1558
25.	Sikkim	11	95.99	110
26.	Tamil Nadu	24	868.91	12842
27.	Tripura	29	343.15	738
28.	Uttar Pradesh	45	3549.73	34872
29.	West Bengal	64	1162.46	6635

Assistance to State Scheduled Castes Development Corporations

1388. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of assistance being given to State Scheduled Castes Development Corporations during the last three years; and

(b) the details of loan being given to SCs/STs by SDCs and the number of beneficiaries who have been benefited during this period?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) The details of assistance given to State Scheduled Castes Development Corporation in last three years are as under:—

Year	Amount (Rs. in crores)
1994-95	22.00
1995-96	31.00
1996-97	31.99

(b) The details about loan given to SCs/STs by SCDCs and number of beneficiaries benefited are as under—

Year	Amount of loan given (Rs. in lakhs)	No. of beneficiaries benefited
1994-95	55547.28	5.03 lakhs
1995-96	54202.21	4.20 lakhs
1996-97	N.A.	N.A.

The information relating to amount of loan given and number of beneficiaries

who have been benefited in 1996-97 is being collected from the concerned State Govts./U.T. Administrations.

Grants to Indian Spinal Injury Centre, New Delhi

1389. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the MINISTER OF WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the grants given to the Indian Spinal Injury Centre, New Delhi so far; and

(b) the steps proposed to start such centres in the interior of the country for the benefit of rural poor disabled?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) A sum of Rs. 2.5 crores has been released as grant to the Indian Spinal Injuries Centres, New Delhi.

(b) At present no porposal for setting up such Super Speciality centres in rural areas is under consideration of the Government.

Legislation to protect the rights of persons with Disabilities

1390. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how Government ensures the implementation of the legislation to protect the rights of persons with disablities;

(b) why the report of the Disabilities Chief Commissioner not laid in the Parliament; and

(c) the steps proposed to inform Parliament from time to time about the welfare measures taken towards disabled persons?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) Appropriate Governments ensure the implementation of the persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 by making necessary institutional arrangements and implementating various programmes for the people with disabilities within the limits of their economic capacity and development. Institutional arrangements include:

(i) setting up of the Central Coordination Committee by the Central Government and State Coordination Committees by State/UT Governments.

(ii) setting up of Central Executive Committee by Central Government and State Executive Committees by State/UT Governments.

(iii) Appointment of Chief Commissioner for persons with Disabilities by Central Government and Commissioner for persons with Disablities by State/UT Governments.

(b) and (c) Central Government shall cause the Annual Report submitted by Chief Commissioners to be laid before each house of the Parliament giving full account of his activities during the previous financial year.

Chief Commissioner for persons with Disablities has been recently appointed vide Government order dated 5th June, 1997. As per rules, Chief Commissoner shall, as soon as possible after the end of